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SUBJECT: CREW VISAS FOR PANAM

REF: WARSAW 0597

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE MFA ON FEBRUARY 11 GIVING WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF POSTPONEMENT OF COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR CRAK VISA REQUIREMENT TO MARCH 1. THE NOTE ALSO MAKES CLEAR THAT MFA WOULD NOT WELCOME A REQUEST THAT THEIR COMMENCEMENT DATE BE POSTPONED FURTHER AND THAT MFA HAS AUTHORIZED THE POLISH CONGEN IN NEW YORK TO ISSUE CREW VISAS. THE NOTE, HOWEVER, DOES NOT STATE THE DATE WHEN THE CONGEN WILL BEGIN ISSUING CREW VISAS.

2. IN A SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH PANAM'S WARSAW REPRESENTATIVE, WE WERE TOLD THAT AS OF EARLY IN WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, PANAM'S CENTRAL OFFICE HAD BEEN ADVISED BY POLISH EMBASSY AND CONGEN IN NEW YORK THAT MFA AUTHORIZATION FOR CONGEN TO ISSUE CREW VISAS HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE REFTEL ASKING THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT THE POLISH EMBASSY AND OBTAIN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE STATUS CONCERNING THE POLISH CONGEN'S AUTHORITY, OR LACK THEREOF,

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TO ISSUE CREW VISAS. IF BOTTLENECK CAUSED BY HAVING

TO FORWARD PASSPORTS OF PANAM EMPLOYEES TO POLISH
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS NOT REMOVED, PANAM'S WARSAW
REPRESENTATIVE FEARS THAT FLIGHT
SCHEDEULE MAY BE
DISRUPTED.

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